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SUMMARY. ON THE PRC INTERNAL SCENE, CHIANG CHING HAS ADDED TO HER RECENT PROMINENCE BY MAKING HER FIRST SOLO HOSTING APPEARANCE FOR A VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARY. MUCH SPECULATION HAS BEEN GENERATED BY WHERE CHAIRMAN MAO MAY BE SOJOURNING AS
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HE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE VARIOUS FOREIGN VIP'S OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL. ON THE PRC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. CHINESE MEDIA HAS REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF MR. BUSH, THE NEW CHIEF OF THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE, IN PEKING. MEANWHILE PRC ADVOCACY OF THE THIRD WORLD CAUSE IS BEING ENUNCIATED IN VARIOUS BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FORUMS.
END SUMMARY.

1. CHIANG CHING STANDS ALONE

IN KEEPING WITH THE INCREASING PROMINENCE SHE HAS RECEIVED OF LATE (WR 39), MADAME MAO MADE HER FIRST SOLO HOSTING APPEARANCE IN THE CAPITAL WHEN SHE PERFORMED THE HONORS WITH THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE AT A CULTURAL SOIREE (NCNA ENGLISH OCTOBER 21). ALTHOUGH THE CULTURAL FIELD HAS LONG BEEN HER OWN PERSONAL DOMAIN, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHE HAS APPEARED FOR SUCH AN EVENT WITHOUT OTHER POLITBURO MEMBERS IN TOW. CHIANG FIRST CAME FORWARD IN A SINGULAR ROLE WITH TOP FOREIGN DIGNITARIES WHEN SHE ESCORTED MRS. MARCOS TO TIENTSIN LAST MONTH (HONG KONG 10692).

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2. TENG HSIAO-PING--MIXED SIGNALS

THERE ARE MIXED SIGNALS ABOUT THE STATUS OF VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, MAO RECENTLY REFERRED TO TENG AS CHOU'S SUCCESSOR (HONG KONG 11454). HOWEVER, PHOTOGRAPHS OF MAO'S RECENT MEETINGS WITH FOREIGNERS SHOW TENG IN A SUB-ORDINATE POSITION WITH MAO MONOPOLIZING THE FOREIGN VISITOR. TENG'S IMAGE AS A LEADING FIGURE IN THE REGIME WAS ALSO TEMPERED BY THE OCTOBER 18 AIRPORT ARRANGMENT FOR WELCOMING THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER. TENG ON THE OCCASION SHARED PROMINENCE WITH NEWLY PROMINENT OLD MARSHAL HSU HSIANG-CHIEN (WR 37) WHO JOINED HIM IN ESCORTING THE GUEST PAST THE HONOR GUARD. THESE LATEST SIGNS REINFORCE EARLIER SUPPOSITION THAT TENG IN THE PRESENT POLITICAL CLIMATE COULD BE THE SUCCESSOR TO THE PREMIERSHIP--BUT NOT TO THE FULLER ROLE CHOU HAS PLAYED AS SECOND TO MAO IN THE REGIME.

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3. CHAIRMAN MAO IN THE PROVINCES?

THE WHEREABOUTS OF CHAIRMAN MAO (HONG KONG 10367; HONG KONG 10021) HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FURTHER WRENCH BY A REUTER'S STORY OCTOBER 21 THAT DANISH PRIME MINISTER HARTLING TRAVELED FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT

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HOURS TO AND FROM HIS MEETING WITH MAO. A HONG KONG COMMUNIST PAPER (HSIN WAN PAO) PLAYED THIS ITEM AS PART OF ITS COVERAGE OF THE MAO-HARTLING MEETING BUT OMITTED THE ORIGINAL STORY'S SPECULATION THAT MAO WAS IN HANGCHOW. MAO'S ABSENCE FROM PUBLIC VIEW DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS HAS BEEN FOLLOWED WITH A SERIES OF STORIES BY VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARIES WHICH PLACED HIM IN DISTANT LOCATIONS. MOST RECENTLY HE WAS SAID TO BE IN HUNAN (HONG KONG 11502). THE CHAIRMAN'S MOVEMENTS COULD BE POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT IF HE IS IN FACT TRAVELING ABOUT THE COUNTRY ON AN INSPECTION TOUR AND NOT JUST SEEKING MORE COMFORTABLE WEATHER.

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4. RED FLAG AND MASS INVOLVEMENT

RED FLAG (NO. 10) HAS REITERATED THE PRINCIPLE OF MASS INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL MOVEMENTS BUT HAS STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR MASS

AGITATION. IN AN ARTICLE WHICH AGAIN APPEARS DIRECTED AT
REASSURING CONFUSED CADRE (WR 42), RED FLAG PROBABLY LEAVES
MORE QUESTIONS UNANSWERED BY FAILING TO PROVIDE ANY GUIDELINES
ON HOW THE CADRE ARE TO PURSUE THE PRINCIPLE (HONG KONG 11525).
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5. THE MILITIA

A DOMESTIC NCNA BROADCAST OCTOBER 17 REPORTED THAT MILITIA REPRESENTATIVES OF "VARIOUS LOCALITIES" MET RECENTLY IN PEKING TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO'S MILITARY LINE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO MILITIA BUILDING. LIN WAS SPECIFICALLY CRITICIZED FOR PREVENTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S "STRATEGIC POLICY OF ARMING THE WHOLE PEOPLE" AND FOR FEARING MILITIA PARTICIPATION IN CLASS STRUGGLE. THE MILITIA, ESPECIALLY THE SHANGHAI MODEL, WAS PRAISED FOR ITS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ACHIEVEMENT, AND MILITIA REPRESENTATIVES VOWED TO STRENGTHEN MILITIA-BUILDING. A SIMILAR LINE WAS TAKEN AT THE THIRD CANTON MUNICIPAL MILITIA CONGRESS, WHOSE RECENT CONCLUSION WAS REPORTED IN AN OCTOBER 19 CANTON CITY BROADCAST.
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6. IT HAS BEEN ALMOST A MONTH SINCE THE ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S CALL TO ORGANIZE A PEOPLE'S MILITIA ON A LARGE SCALE (WR 40), YET THE MEDIA, BOTH IN PEKING AND IN THE PROVINCES, HAVE CONTINUED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO MILITIA-BUILDING (HONG KONG 11376). LAST YEAR'S EDITORIAL ON STRENGTHENIN THE MILITIA (QOUE HONG KONG 9985) SEEMS TO HAVE MET WITH THE SAME LACK OF ENTHUSIASM AS THE MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS. NOW, WITH ONE ASPECT OF THE MOVEMENT CONCENTRATING ON A CRITICISM OF LIN'S MILITARY LINE (HONG KONG 11147), THE CENTER IS ONCE AGAIN TRYING TO AROUSE INTEREST IN THE MILITIA.
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7. DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS FEATURE IN CANTON WAGE DISPUTE
REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATE THAT DEMOBILIZED
SOLDIERS WORKING IN CANTON FACTORIES AND OFFICES HAVE COME FORWARD
AS A GROUP IN PRESSING FOR INCREASED WAGES. THE EX-SOLDIERS
REPORTEDLY THREATENED AT ONE POINT TO DEMONSTRATE DURING THE
CANTON TRADE FAIR. WALL POSTERS VOICING THEIR COMPLAINTS AND
PUT UP TO COINCIDE WITH THE FAIR'S OPENING HAVE BEEN SEEN BY
FOREIGN OBSERVERS(HONG KONG 11524).
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8. USLO'S NEW CHIEF ARRIVES
NCNA AND LOCAL PRC-OWNED PAPERS IN HONG KONG (TA KUNG PAO AND
WEN WEI PAO) REPORTED THE OCTOBER 21 ARRIVAL IN PEKING OF NEW
USLO CHIEF GEORGE BUSH. WHILE NCNA DID NOT GO BEYOND THAT,
HONG KONG COMMUNIST PAPERS NOTED BUSH'S REPORTED REMARKS THAT
THERE WILL BE NO "RADICAL CHANGES" IN U.S. CHINA POLICY AND THAT
HE WILL WORK TO IMPLEMENT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND INCREASE
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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9. EUROPE
AS CHINA UNROLLED THE RED CARPET FOR THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER
POUL HARTLING, OCTOBER 18 PEOPLE'S DAILY WEIGHED IN WITH A
COMMENTARY HIGHLIGHTING THE BALKAN COUNTRIES' POLITICAL PROBLEMS
WITH THE SOVIETS AND A REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC SLUMP ON THE STOCK
MARKETS OF WESTERN EUROPE. NOT SURPRISINGLY, CONCERN FOR
EUROPEAN UNITY AND SECURITY WERE THE MAJOR THEMES RAISED IN VICE
PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING'S BANQUET SPEECH HONORING THE DANISH
PRIME MINISTER. TENG RECITED THE STANDARD PRC LINES ABOUT
SUPERPOWER CONTENTION AS THE MAIN CAUSE OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS
WHILE HARTLING ALLOWED THAT UNSOLVED POLITICAL PROBLEMS ARE
"POTENTIAL THREATS" TO WORLD PEACE BUT POINTED TO IMMEDIATE
CONCERNS AS ENERGY, FOODSTUFFS AND RAW MATERIALS. REJECTING
THE PRC POSITION, HE SUGGESTED THAT CHINA IN CONTRAST HAS A MUCH GREATER
AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS,
POINTS IGNORED IN PRC MEDIA SUMMARIES OF HIS SPEECH. AND TO A
CHINQETHZRRKKKS TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF THE THIRD WORLD, HARLING
ADDED THAT EUROPE IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH THE THIRD WORLD
BUT ITS OUTSTRETCHED HAND MUST BE ACCEPTED.
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10. MEANWHILE, THE DANISH LEADER HAS MET WITH MAO (OCTOBER 20)
AND THE HOSPITALIZED CHOU EN-LAI (OCTOBER 19) AND THE TWO COUNTRIES
SIGNED A MARITIME TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND LETTERS ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT CHINESE-DANISH COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION

OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

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11. ELSEWHERE, IN OCTOBER 9-11 TALKS WITH WEST GERMAN LEADERS, CHIAO KUAN-HUA, THE HIGHEST-RANKING PRC LEADER TO VISIT BONN, RAISED MANY OF THE SAME THEMES AS TENG, BUT PLEASED HIS HOSTS WITH HIS EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION WHICH NOTED THAT THE CHINESE "HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE GERMAN QUESTION SHOULD BE SOLVED JUSTLY AND REASONABLY, RESPECTING THE INTEREST AND WISHES OF THE PEOPLE IN BOTH GERMAN STATES" (BONN 16326; NCNA OCTOBER 17-21).

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12. THE MIDDLE EAST

PRC MEDIA THUS FAR HAS NOT REPORTED ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LATEST ROUND OF MID-EAST TALKS NOR THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. INSTEAD, NCNA HAS REPLAYED REPORTS OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S NOW STANDARD COMMENTS ON THE PROBLEMS IN EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS AND CRITICISM OF THE U.S. FOR HOLDING THE ARABS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH OIL PRICES AND OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD'S CALL FOR LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (NCNA OCTOBER 16-20).

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13. CYPRUS

ON CYPRUS, PRC MEDIA HAS NOTED THE AGREEMENT CALLING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT PRISONER EXCHANGES. NCNA TERMED THE MEETINGS AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE ISLAND'S TWO COMMUNITIES A "GOOD START" FOR THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE IN SOLVING THEIR OWN PROBLEMS (NCNA OCTOBER 19, 20).

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14. SIHANOUK ACCORDING TO NCNA
NCNA OCTOBER 19 CARRIED A CAREFULLY EDITED VERSION OF SIHANOUK'S
OCTOBER 16 STATEMENT REFUTING THE UNGA MOTION TO POSTPONE THE

CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS QUESTION AND CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN CAMBODIA. THE NCNA VERSION DELETES ALL REFERENCES TO ANY THIRD COUNTRIES EXCEPT THE U.S. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE FULL SIHANOUK STATEMENT, HE OBVIOUSLY STEPPED ON HIS CHINESE HOSTS' TOES BY CONDEMNING BY NAME SUCH LEADERS AS TANAKA AND MARCOS, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY IN PEKING'S GOOD GRACES(PEKING 1814).
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15. UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN AN OCTOBER 16 SUMMARY OF THE UNGA GENERAL DEBATE, NCNA HEAVILY STRESSED THE THEME OF THE SUPERPOWERS VESUE THE WORLD. IN THIS CONTEXT THE CHINESE CALLED FOR GRUNK UN REPRESENTATION, CONTROL OF PRICES OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, THE "VICTORY" OF THE PLO, AND FOR ALL FOREIGN TROOPS "UNDER THE UN FLAG" TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA. THE SUMMARY UTILIZED HIGHLY-SELECTIVE EXCERPTS AND QUOTES FROM A VARIETY OF THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVES BUT AVOIDED REPLAYING REMARKS BY THE PRC DELEGATION. AS USUAL, THE SOVIETS WERE ROUGHLY TREATED; "GROMYKO'S FALLACY WAS IMMEDIATELY EXPOSED AND REBUFFED" AND THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES "SAT THERE SPEECH-LESS."
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16. IN REPORTING ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NCNA ALSO STRESSED THESE SAME THEMES, CLAIMING SUCCESS IN THE RECENT
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ICAO MEETING WITH HAVING TURNED THE ORGANIZATIONS'S FOCUS TOWARD DEVELOPING THE AVIATION CAPABILITIES OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. REPORTING ON THE UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE STRESSED THE ADMISSION OF THE DPRK AND THE CLAIM THAT THE CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATIVES' "LON NOL CLIQUE" HAD NOT "DARED TO PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS." NCNA ALSO REPORTED CHINESE EFFORTS FOR REPRESENTATION RIGHTS FOR BOTH THE GRUNK AND THE PRG AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION MEETING IN LONDON (NCNA OCTOBER 16-19).
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17. ANTI-THIEU CAMPAIGN
PRC MEDIA CONTINUED (WR 42) ITS HEAVY COVERAGE OF THE ANTI-THIEU CAMPAIGN INCLUDING A REPLAY OF EXCERPTS OF THE OCTOBER 15 ALIANCE OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE FORCES OF SOTUH VIETNAM APPEAL FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THIEU WITH ALMOST DAILY ARTICLES ON THE ANTI-THIEU "STRUGGLE IN AREAS UNDER SAIGON CONTROL." IN THESE ARTICLES, THERE IS LITTLE OR NO MENTION OF THE USG AND THE EMPHASIS IS SIMILARLY ON THE NECESSITY OF OVERTHROWING THE THIEU GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS AND THE MASS NATURE OF THE MOVEMENT. THUS FAR,HHHHH H
NCNA HAS NOT CARRIED THE HANOI
OCTOBER 18 STATEMENT CONDEMNING AMERICAN RECONNOITING

ACTIVITIES (NCNA OCTOBER 16-21).

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18. GRENADA-PRC RELATIONS: ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN

NCNA APPARENTLY JUMPED THE GUN IN ITS OCTOBER 10 REPORT OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GRENADA AND THE PRC AND SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED IT (HONG KONG 11247). THE GRENADA DELEGATE TO THE UN, WHERE THE AGREEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY SIGNED, STATED THAT TALKS WITH THE PRC HAD TAKEN PLACE BUT DENIED THAT ANY AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED (USUN 4159). ON OCTOBER 21, HOWEVER, A GRENADIAN OFFICIAL IN BRIDGETOWN INDICATED THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON ESTABLISHING RELATIONS (BRIDGETOWN 1839).

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19. DIPLOMATIC RESHUFFLE CONTINUES

CHANG WEI-LIEH, UNTIL RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO, DEPARTED
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CHINA OCTOBER 16 FOR HIS NEW POST AS PEKING'S AMBASSADOR TO MONGOLIA. THE RUSSIAN-SPEAKING DIPLOMAT HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN MOSCOW AND BAGHDAD. NCNA ALSO REVEALED THAT PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS HAO TE-CHING WAS LEAVING HIS POST (NCNA OCTOBER 16, 18).

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